DEMAND V—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, LOCAL FUND AUDIT DEPARTMENT AND DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTANTS APPRENTICES.

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,9,8803 under Demand—V, General Administration, Financial Secretariat, Accountant General's Office, Local Fund Audit Department and Divisional Accountants Apprentices.

DEMAND VI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 97,950 under Demand VI—Legislative Bodies.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Sir, I support the Demands before the House. In doing so, I would congratulate the Government on the progressive policy adopted by them.

President : I think it would conduce to convenience if all the demands are dealt with together so that fairly early this House can express their opinion on the question of remuneration to the legislators.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Sir, I congratulate the Government on the revision of salaries effected by them. But there are one or two cases wherein the attention of the Government has not been drawn to the extent it deserves. Before the reorganization, *i.e.* till 1110, there was only one grade of Munsiffs getting a salary of Rs. 200-25/2-350 the increment being Rs. 25/2. At the Standardisation which took place in the year 1111, the Munsiffs' cadre was divided into 3 grades, their salary ranging from Rs. 150 to 300. *i. e.* 11 (250-10/2-300) 12 (200-10/2-250) and 12 (150-10/2-200). In the recent reorganization, their salaries have been fixed at Rs. 175 to 325 retaining the 3 grades 12 (175-10-225) 12 (225-10-275) 11 (275-10-325). It has to be borne in mind that the salaries of almost all the officers excepting the Munsiffs have been improved : but there has been no decided improvement in the salaries of the Munsiffs except to a slight extent. We are not able to understand the reason for that. Their salary has not even reached the pre-reorganisation scale. There are even now three grades of Munsiffs and the total number of such officers is 35. All of them were on the same grade before. The necessity for three grades is not explained in the Government order. If it is to ascertain their efficiency or capacity and other matter for promotion certainly one could understand. All the Munsiffs are doing the same kind of work within the same time allotted for them

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